Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph extending from page 4, line 19 to page 5, line 2, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Additional problems arise when information or data, in a format specific to a first computer-based device, is transferred on to a second computer-based device associated with a different format. For example, if a user wants to transfer information from a personal computer on to a mobile ~~compute-based~~ computer-based device such as a cellular telephone, conflicts arise because of different data formats associated with each of the said devices. The same is true if one wants to transfer information from a mobile ~~compute-based~~ computer-based device such as a cellular telephone to a personal computer.

Please replace the paragraph extending from page 14, lines 13 to 17, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The CAD is the module of the system ~~the~~ that runs on the end user's old and new PC. Responsibilities here would include scanning of the registry, interaction with the user, and communication with a Web Application Server using "web calls." The client would also upload and download binary data files like bitmaps, Word docs, etc. from a Binary Data Server. Key components to the client are:

Please replace the paragraph extending from page 16, lines 6 to 21, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Figure 4 illustrates a general overview of the present invention's system for accessing a profile contained in a directive file via various computer-based devices. A profile is uploaded from first computer-based device **402** and stored onto BDS **404** in a markup language based directive file. Next, second computer-based device **406** (having the same operating

platform as the first computer-based device) is able to access the directive file on BDS **404**, if a user wants to configure a second computer-based device **406** to have the same "feel" as first computer-based device **402**. For example, if a profile containing the application settings, files, and other data is transferred from the first computer-based device running Windows 98® as its operating system, to the second computer-based device, also running Windows 98® and having identical applications, the directive file is transferred unchanged due to underlying similarity in operating systems. In the event the second computer-based device does not have the same operating platform as the first device, a conversion of the directive file to a format that is compatible with second computer-based device(s) **410**, **412**, ~~416~~ **414** is necessary and is done via the present invention's format management module **408**. For example, a profile that is related to a first PC running Windows 95® needs to be converted to a similar profile that is compatible with a laptop running Windows 98®, before it can be transferred and installed on the laptop.

Please replace the paragraph extending from page 22, line 13 to page 23, line 5, with the following rewritten paragraph:

After CAD **804** is successfully downloaded onto the first computer-based device, user interface **808** is generated to get input from the user. In one embodiment, user interface **808** is a set of HTML web pages. After reviewing user interface **808**, users decide which files, settings, or other data need to be uploaded to a server for storage. Next, an instruction (e.g., a HTTP POST command) is sent from CAD ~~802~~ **804** to web application server **810** regarding information on the location of the files, settings, and other data to be uploaded. Web application server **810** then runs an Active Server Page (ASP) **812** that uses Active Data Object (ADO) **814** to query database server **816**. Next, database server **816** returns a resultant set

in ADO **814** that contains information regarding the location of files, settings, and other data to be uploaded. ASP **812** then steps through every record in ADO **814** and converts it into a data stream that uses XML tags. This XML format of data with tags specific to the present invention is called a directive file. The directive file is then passed on to XML parser **818** in CAD **804** where it is parsed and relevant files, settings, or other data are extracted. Then, the extracted data is accumulated in yet another directive file called the local directive file. Lastly, the local directive file is uploaded to binary data server **820** using an instruction such as a HTTP POST command.